

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 14, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 62-78 have been added. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1 and 62-78 are submitted for consideration.


Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,741,587. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

As noted previously, claim 1 and new claims 62-74 now recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art reference cited in the Office Action. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1 and 62-74 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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